

June 07, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



THE FEAST OF

CORPUS CHRISTI

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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Saturday, June 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Jennie Emm by Don & Suzanne Carr

Sunday, June 7, Corpus Christi
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **Baccalaureate Mass**

Monday, June 8
 12:00 p.m. Living Intention – Steve, Crystal, & Hope Rock by Nicole Rock

Tuesday, June 9
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Wednesday, June 10
 12:00 p.m. Al Zemanick by Anne & Dick Wolanski

Thursday, June 11
 8:00 a.m. Keith Mosher by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, June 12
NO MASS

Saturday, June 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Ann & Chet Danoski by Family

Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Nancy Williams by St. Francis' Choir

Catherine's Cupboard
 CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 1PM—3PM and 5PM till 7PM (or until all are served).** We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats.** We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants.** Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 6200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$90,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancising.org**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (06-01-26)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$5,319
Loose Cash.....	\$254
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$273
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$2,230
Catholic Schools.....	\$25
Other.....	\$6,173
Capital Campaign.....	\$55
Total Contributions.....	\$14,329
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$9,682
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$439
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$726
Capital Improvements.....	\$837
Total Expenses.....	\$11,684
TOTAL.....	\$2,645

Congratulations Graduates!
 Zachary Blaise, Adam Colvin, Ryan Ferrara, Melissa Giammarino, Anna Ginalski, Shea McKeon, Kody Osteen, Gabriel Pavlik, **Juliana Rice (DeBella Scholarship Recipient)**, Angelo Rogers, Sarah Turna, Lauren Vesci, Molly Walters, Delaney Walters, Abraham Watkins, Alexander Watkins, Kamryn Watson, Delaney Wood, Stephen Yahner

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers
 It is time again to make the schedule for July, August, and September. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-222-4703 or 607-206-3469 **BEFORE JUNE 22ND!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 29TH
& TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH
6:00PM—8:00PM
St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

← Register today!

Pope Leo XIV’s New Encyclical

This past Monday, Pope Leo XIV’s encyclical called *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity) was released. It is a ground breaking document that gives critical direction to our society as the technological advancements like Artificial Intelligence continue to impact our lives personally, socially, and spiritually. In it, the Holy Father brings the light of the Church’s rich social tradition to face the challenges of today, writing that the Church “recognizes history as the place where the Gospel challenges and directs human experience” (no. 2). All Catholics and people of good will are invited to join Pope Leo in discerning together the profound impacts of technological advancement and how to always place human dignity at the center of any new technology.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a statement welcoming Pope Leo XIV’s new encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*.

Archbishop Coakley’s statement follows:

"The Church in the United States welcomes the publication of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical letter, Magnifica Humanitas, with gratitude and praise. It is a powerful reminder that no technology can replace a child of God, and all technology should be placed at the service of helping humanity thrive. As his predecessor Pope Leo XIII addressed the challenges of the Industrial Revolution in Rerum Novarum one hundred thirty-five years ago, our Holy Father shines the light of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church on the new opportunities and challenges posed by the rise of Artificial Intelligence. The Pope calls us to never lose sight of the inherent dignity of all human life and the moral imperative for technology to support peace and the common good rather than the limited interest of a few."

Recognizing the importance of this issue to Pope Leo and to us all, as a parish we will take time to learn more about this timely document.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Statistics:

- ⇒ Early this year, ChatGPT reached 900 million weekly active users, with 50 million paying subscribers. (*Tech Crunch*)
- ⇒ In 2025, ChatGPT was handling more than 1 billion queries per day. (*Tech Republic*)
- ⇒ At the end of 2025, more than 50% of new e-books on Amazon contained AI-generated text. (*National Bureau of Economic Research*)
- ⇒ Some estimates suggest that up to 33% of newly created online content is now AI-generated. (*The Washington Post*)

Creation Care Team Fundraiser Success

Congratulations to the Creation Care Team for making **\$3,500** from their Brooks BBQ Fundraiser. They can now use these funds to continue their work on making changes that focus Caring for God’s Creation.

St. Francis School Improvements Tour

Parishioners are invited to attend an open house at the former St. Francis School to see the updates and improvements made to the building by Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc.. Tours will be offered after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6 and after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 7. Those interested in touring should meet in the gym immediately following Mass. All are welcome!

UPCenter Support Meeting

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, June 10th at 10AM here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall**. United Presbyterian, Kim Chastain, and the parishioners there are doing incredible ministry in assisting the homeless by providing a warming station during winter and now are going to be an overnight center. They are looking for assistance from the community, especially from the faith community. Assistance may be in the forms of volunteer support, meals/food, in-kind supplies, specialized services (NARCAN/First Aid/Mental Health Training, etc.), transportation, and financial contribution. We would like to discuss these options.

Donate your Party Leftovers!

With High School and College Graduations coming up there will be many parties to celebrate these wonderful accomplishments. This also results in lots of leftovers. Call the parish center (607)722-4388 in preparation for your party and we can be prepared to receive the leftovers and take them to area kitchens to help feed those who are food insecure.

Thank You From Maria Kirk

I would like to say thank you to each of you. For so many years this parish has been a source of strength, friendships, and family. We have celebrated many occasions both joyous and sorrowful. We have journeyed these milestones together in faith.

I want to thank you for the prayers, encouragement, friendships, and countless memories. Serving alongside you has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I have learned generosity, compassion and unwavering faith from each of you. While my retirement marks the end of one chapter, it does not end the bonds we share. St Francis will always hold a special place in my heart. I thank Fr. Tim for giving me the opportunity to minister to the families and children of our parish. I know that you are in good and capable hands as I turn the reins over to Sherry Dee. I am confident you will give her the same generous support you have given me.

Thank you again for the great privilege of walking this journey of faith with you. Thank you for the beautiful statue of St. Francis to remind me of our time together. Thank you for the beautiful heartfelt notes of gratitude. I leave with deep love, a grateful heart and trust in God's continued guidance for us all. God bless you all.

—Maria Kirk

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule June 16th

1:00—3:00PM

5:00PM—Until Served

K. Fitzgerald, C. Murray,
M. Mizzoni, &
P. Simonis

M. Hayes, N. & D.
Oliver, and B. Grace



CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

DONATION PAMPHLET

Please feel free to take a Catherine's Cupboard donation pamphlet in the back of the church or at the parish center. This pamphlet has some great information about our food pantry as well as many easy ways to contribute to the pantry. There are numerous ways YOU can help those in need right here in our community. The pantry relies on people like you to do your part! Take or request one to be sent to you!

IMPORTANT
ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:
Safe Environment Training
**ALL Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers, Liturgical
Ministry Leaders, and Lectors/Readers must be
Safe Environment Trained by June 30th**
CHOIR MUST ALREADY BE TRAINED

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

† **Saturday, June 13th: 10:00AM @ St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton**

Recertification Training

† **Sunday, June 14th: 1:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal**

† **Monday, June 15th: 6:00PM @ St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton**

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals **will not be permitted**. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session.

Register: (www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/)

Annual Father's Day Breakfast: Hosted by: Binghamton Knights of Columbus and St. Paul's Social Group

WHEN: Sunday, June 21st
8:00AM—11:00AM

WHERE: 282 Chenango Street in Binghamton
Featuring our World-Famous Waffles!

Also featuring Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and Fruit Cup
Coffee, Tea, Milk and OJ

\$12 Adult / Children Under 10 only \$5

Proceeds to benefit LOCAL charities and scholarships



Homeless Outreach Supplies Needed



Spring/Summer List

Each season brings its own challenges for our unhoused neighbors. This is the Spring/Summer list of supplies that are needed for our unhoused neighbors. Please donate only items you would give to your own loved ones: high-quality, clean, unexpired, and functional. **Please only donate what is on this list.** Supplies can be dropped off at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton, 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. This outreach is organized by local community organizers, and some are members of UUCB. These supplies are given directly to the unhoused in front of the bus station every Tuesday night at 9 pm.

- spring/summer clothes for men & women: t-shirts, shorts, tank tops, cotton pants, light jackets/hoodies
- clean and good quality spring/summer shoes: sneakers, flip-flops, rain boots, walking shoes
- NEW packages of women's/men's underwear
- NEW cotton/bamboo socks for adults
- rain ponchos
- sanitary pads, razors, travel size of these things: shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- baby/hygiene wipes
- NEW individual packaged pain relievers
- Orajel, anti-fungal foot creams/powders, wound care accessories (ointments, band-aids, etc.)
- blankets
- bug-spray (include for ticks)
- batteries (AA & AAA)
- flashlights
- canopies/bungee cords/ tents
- packages of water
- pre-packaged/individual-sized snacks: beef jerky, chips, baked goods, granola bars, apple-sauces, crackers, etc.

Or to order, scan this QR code:



Questions? contact:
collectivesurvival@proton.me

Grief Support Group



HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. This 8 week program will begin on Monday July 13, 2026 through August 31st from 6 to 7:30 pm at The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. Seating is limited so please register early. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621 and leave a message if necessary.

Annual Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 26th

SAVE THE DATE



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

June 13th & 14th, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Ed White

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Everette Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Elena Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzas
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Iglar

Children's Liturgy Schedule

ONLINE VIDEO ONLY

Go to our website stfrancisbing.org to watch our weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word.

See you again after summer!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical sign up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he is us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as "one body" – how does it change the way we relate to each other?